

# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

## AMBERWOOD

Care

Centre

### March 2011

#### Department Heads

Julie Logan, Administrator

Becky Pearce, RN, Clinical Director

Samantha Baney, RN, Assistant Director of Nursing

Lu Franseen, LPN, MDS Care Plan Coordinator

Rosalind Tipton, RN, New Beginnings Director

Thomas Motley, Medical Records/Central Supply

Nakia Johnson, Concierge Director

Jodi Naser, LPN, Restorative Director



Steve Pahnke, Certified Dietary Manager

Angel Rach, Social Services Director

Mary Durrenberger, Activities Director

Alicia Pearce, Business Office Manager

Paul Pearce, Maintenance Director

Sue Ferris, RN, MSW, Marketing Director

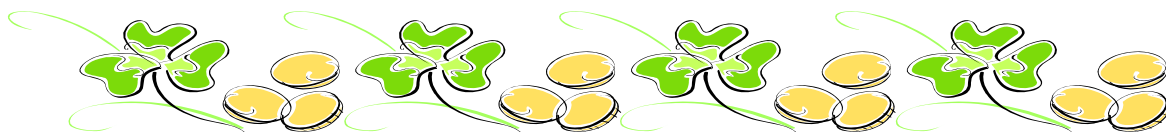
Danyell York, LPN, Treatment Nurse

Mike Carlson, Housekeeping and Laundry Supervisor

*Greetings to our friends and families of Amberwood Care Centre....*

"Returning the Love" is a motto we use here frequently to describe what our philosophy of care is for our residents. Some of the projects we are working on to improve the services for our residents in the near future are 1) We have requested our New Beginnings Neighborhood to be credentialed as a certified special care unit under IDPH subpart U regulations, 2) New window treatments, bedspreads and redecorating of New Beginnings, 3) We have requested our first floor to become "Medicare" certified so residents do not need to change rooms following a hospitalization to use their Medicare Part A benefits. We are always looking at ways to improve our care delivery and "return the love". If you have a suggestion- please do not hesitate to stop in and see me or leave a suggestion under my door after hours. Mark your calendars for the Alzheimer's Association Family Forum on April 2, 2011 at the Clock Tower Resort from 8 am to noon. We are a sponsor for this event and will be great education and training for family members. You can pick up registration materials at our reception desk. Happy Spring !

*Julie Logan, Administrator*



**Samantha Baney, RN**, has been named **Assistant Director of Nursing** at Amberwood. Since 2007 Samantha has been an LPN and received her RN in 2010. She grew up in Streamwood, Illinois and has been married to Ryan for five years. They have a two year old son, Bradley. In her spare time, she enjoys outdoor activities with her family. She loves boating, fishing, and wake boarding. She admits she is a HUGE Packers fan! 🍀



**Samantha Baney, RN, ADON**



Lu Franseen

**Lu Franseen, LPN**, is Amberwood's **MDS and Care Plan Coordinator**. Lu grew up in Rockford and graduated from Rockford School of Practical Nursing. In her job at Amberwood Lu maintains and reviews individual care plans for each resident. In addition, she completes MDS (Minimum Data Sheets) for submission to the State of Illinois for payment determination. Lu recently lost 50 pounds! She has been enjoying shopping for new things. She has lived on the same road for 34 years where she and her husband built their own home. She enjoys reading and stays active with her 5 grandchildren who she will be taking them to Disney World in June. Still she finds time to sing in the choir at Aldersgate Methodist Church as well as lead the children's choir.

On February 24, **Becky Pearce, RN**, was honored as a nominee for Rockford Woman of the Year at a reception at the Rockford Art Museum.

Becky is Director of Patient Services at Amberwood.

**Congratulations Becky!!**



**Upcoming Events:**

- 3/10 Burger King Order Out Eat In lunch
- 3/17 t. Patrick's Day Eden Express Bus 8:30
- 3/22 Petland Pet visits 2 pm
- 3/25 Boylan High School Guitar Ensemble 2

Georgia and Kathy were retained as president and vice president of the Resident council. The council meets monthly to discuss what they like about Amberwood and make suggestions for improvements. All residents are welcome. The next meeting is on March 24 at 10 am main dining room.

# News From New Beginnings

Join us at the Rockford Family Forum, Saturday, April 2, 2011, Clock Tower Resort and Conference Center, Call for details. Go online at [www.alz.org/illinois](http://www.alz.org/illinois) or call 815-484-1300 to register. A half day event for families and friends affected by memory loss. The forum offers several dynamic speakers and a resource fair.



Elizabeth of **Passages Hospice** applies polish to Julia's nails

On February 24, **Pam Weiss**, RN, BSN, CHPN, Director of Professional Services at **Heartland Hospice** spoke to a community and family group at Amberwood about the implementation of hospice services for persons with memory loss. Pam explained when hospice services are used and how hospice can be utilized to provide comfort to the patient as well as the family. Following the presentation was a question and answer session. Thanks Pam!!



Pam Weiss



Roni Reads the local newspaper to the residents



## Save the Date!

March 24, 2011 at 2 pm Amberwood

Please come to our next family and friends **memory loss support group** at Amberwood. You are welcome to join us as we discuss the impact of memory loss on families and learn about new options available regarding research and treatment. If you like, just come for the coffee and cookies.

We remember  
their love  
when  
they can  
no longer  
remember



**Andrea Lewis**, Certified NA, and **Rosalind Tipton**, RN, New Beginnings Director, along with the rest of the staff, strive to help each resident meet his or her full potential.



New Beginnings...Returning the Love





The kitchen staff is hard at work. Can you imagine preparing over 300 individualized meals a day? We will tell you what it takes in the April issue of the Amberwood newsletter.

Sometimes personal laundry gets misplaced especially with darker colored clothing where the markers cannot be seen as well. [www.nameonlabels.com](http://www.nameonlabels.com) has 50 iron on labels for 6.95 plus shipping. For those who have utilized these, they seem to be a great alternative .

Spring really is just around the corner!!



**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

St. Patrick's Day Party  
 March 17, 2011  
 4 pm  
 Amberwood Main  
 Dining Room

**MARCH BIRTHDAY PARTY: MARCH 30 2PM**



Activities Aid, Ruth, leads the residents in a game of Bingo-Keeno



Susan Barbian, RN, Manager of Nurse Consultants Carlyle Nursing has worked for the Kensington Group since June of 1982. She is also a licensed nursing home administrator. She states that it is a privilege to work with the wonderful professional staff at Amberwood.



Thank you **Petland** for bringing us the cutest little puppies!!! We love holding them and watching their antics in our own little "Puppy Bowl"



**March Birthdays 2011**

- 03/01 Bessie J
- 03/05 Kathleen D and Stacy W
- 03/08 Henry S
- 03/09 James R
- 03/12 Edith W
- 03/13 Josephine M
- 03/14 Anna R and Joanne H
- 03/15 John S
- 03/19 Jeanette S
- 03/22 Mary R
- 03/27 June H
- 03/28 Annette C